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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LAST TWO PARAS)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJECT: SSOD: NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN PROGRAM
OF ACTION

1. USSR REP INTRODUCED FOLLOWING TEXT FOR INCLUSION
IN SECTION ON OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN PRO-
GRAM OF ACTION:

INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO RULE OUT,
ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE EMERGENCE AND DEPLOYMENT OF
NEUTRON WEAPONS. AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON THAT
SUBJECT IT CAN BE STATED WITH FULL CONFIDENCE THAT:

-- NEUTRON WEAPONS ARE AN ESPECIALLY INHUMAN MEANS OF
MASS DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE;

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-- NEUTRON WEAPONS WILL INEVITABLY LOWER THE THRESHOLD
OF A NUCLEAR WAR AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL INCREASE THE
PROBABILITY OF SUCH A WAR;

--THE INTRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS BY ONE GROUP OF
STATES WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO SIMILAR ACTION ON THE
PART OF ANOTHER GROUP OF COUNTRIES, AND THIS WILL

OPEN UP A NEW CHANNEL FOR THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, JUST
AS HAPPENED IN THE 1940S WITH ATOMIC, AND IN THE 1950S
WITH THERMONUCLEAR, WEAPONS;

-- THE EMERGENCE OF ANY ONE TYPE OF NEUTRON WEAPONS
COULD MARK BUT A START OF THIS RACE: THE FIRST TYPE WILL
INEVITABLY BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER TYPES WITH EVEN GREATER
DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY, DESIGNED TO ATTAIN OBJECTIVES
BROADER THAN THOSE CURRENTLY CONCEIVED, INCLUDING OB-
JECTIVES WHICH GO BEYOND THE CONFINES OF A SINGLE CON-
TINENT.

PROCEEDING FROM THE INTERESTS OF THE SECURITY OF THE
PEOPLES AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FACTS, CONSIDERATION
OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF NUCLEAR
NEUTRON WEAPONS SHOULD BE ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY, WHILE
THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD SUM
UP THE RESULTS OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

2. US REP BRACKETED TEXT. HE NOTED THAT THE US HAS
DEFERRED DECISION ON PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB AND
THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD DEPEND ON THE RESTRAINT
EXERCISED BY THE USSR. US, THEREFORE, DID NOT REPEAT
NOT AGREE THAT CONVENTION ON NEUTRON WEAPONS WAS
APPROPRIATE PRIORITY FOR CONSIDERATION IN CCD OR OTHER
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